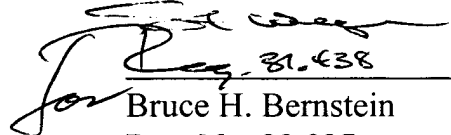


REMARKS

By the current amendment, Applicants cancel, without prejudice, claims 6, 7 and 9-12 from the present application. Claims 2 and 8 were previously canceled. Applicants expressly reserve the right to submit similar type applications at a later time. In view of the current action, claims 1 and 3-5 remain pending.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

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